

Chapter 1: DEFINITIONS

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**Summary:** As used in the Board rules, unless the context otherwise indicates, the following words have the following meanings:

[NOTE: Additional definitions are found in Title 32, Chapter 143 “Dental Professions”]

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**I. DEFINITIONS**

- A. **ACLS:** “ACLS” means advanced cardiac life support.
- B. **ADA:** “ADA” means the American Dental Association or its successor.
- C. **Advertising:** “Advertising” means any verbal, written, or electronic medium designed to call public attention to or to attract patronage to an individual licensed under the Maine Dental Practice Act.
- D. **BLS:** “BLS” means basic cardiac life support.
- E. **Certified Dental Assistant (CDA):** “Certified Dental Assistant” means a dental assistant who has successfully passed a certification examination administered by the Dental Assisting National Board.
- F. **CDC:** “CDC” means the Center for Disease Control and Prevention or its successor.
- G. **CODA:** “CODA” means the ADA Commission on Dental Accreditation.
- H. **CPR:** “CPR” means cardiopulmonary resuscitation.
- I. **Deep Sedation:** “Deep Sedation” means an induced state of depressed consciousness, accompanied by a partial loss of protective reflexes, including the inability to maintain independently and continuously an airway and/or to respond purposefully to physical stimulation or verbal command, produced by a pharmacologic or nonpharmacologic method or combination thereof.
- J. **FDA:** “FDA” means the Food and Drug Administration of the United States Department of Health and Human Services.
- K. **General Anesthesia:** “General Anesthesia” means an induced state of unconsciousness, accompanied by a partial or complete loss of protective reflexes, including inability to maintain independently an airway and respond purposefully to physical stimulation or verbal command, produced by a pharmacologic or a nonpharmacologic method, or combination thereof.

- L. **Moderate Sedation:** “Moderate Sedation” means a drug-induced depression of consciousness during which patients respond purposefully to verbal commands, either alone or accompanied by light tactile stimulation.
  - M. **OSHA:** “OSHA” means the Occupational Safety and Health Administration of the United States Department of Labor.
  - N. **Patient:** “Patient” means an individual who has established a professional relationship with a dental professional licensed under the Maine Dental Practice Act who is responsible for the delivery of the individual’s dental care.
  - O. **PALS:** “PALS” means pediatric advanced life support.
  - P. **Jurisdiction.** “Jurisdiction” means another state, a United States territory, a foreign nation or a foreign administrative division that issues licenses in the dental professions.
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